

STAYING SAFE ON CAMPUS

UW-Parkside Police



On campus emergency call ext. 2911
Off campus emergency call 262-595-2911

On campus non-emergency call ext. 2455
Off campus non-emergency call 262-595-2455

www.uwp.edu/police

BE SAFE IN YOUR OWN SPACE

While living on campus there are many things you can do to keep yourself safe.

- Always keep your door locked, even if you are in your room. Never prop it open.
- If someone is knocking at your door and they won't identify themselves, call your RA.
- Never give your room key or your RangerCard to someone you don't know.
- Use the Buddy System. Let your roommate know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- If you observe any suspicious people in your residence hall, they probably don't belong there so alert an RA or UW-Parkside Police.
- Report the presence of strangers—whether they've gained access to your residence hall, are hanging around or are exhibiting questionable behavior.
- If an unfamiliar person is trying to enter your residence hall even if they tell you they are visiting a friend, alert an RA.
- For any emergency situation call:
UW-Parkside Police at ext. 2911 from a campus phone or 262-595-2911 from other phones.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

UW-Parkside Police patrol all university parking lots and are committed to providing a safe and secure environment in which to learn, live, and work:

- Keep your doors locked and windows rolled up! Most thefts occur because windows and doors are not locked.
 - Keep all valuables out of sight. Put them in the trunk or under the seat.
 - Take down all portable device “mounts.” Most thieves know that people merely put the device in the glove box, leaving the device mount visible.
 - Park as close as possible to your destination.
 - Walk to your car with someone you know and trust, especially when its dark outside.
 - Use the UW-Parkside Safewalk Program (see page 5).
 - Keep sharp! Watch for moving vehicles and bicycles.
 - Walk with purpose and pay attention to your surroundings.
 - Don't walk to your car while talking on your cell phone.
 - Have your car keys in hand as you're walking toward your car.
 - Look in your backseat.
 - If you are sitting in your car, talking on your cell phone, lock the doors so no one can enter your car by surprise.
 - If you feel you are being followed, go to the nearest emergency call box and press the button to connect directly to the UW-Parkside Police, or use your cell phone to dial 262-595-2911.
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EMERGENCY CALL BOX

Below is one of the UW-Parkside emergency call boxes. Notice the two blue lights on top, one will always be illuminated at night. The other will strobe when the red call button has been pressed. Once the red call button has been pressed, a UW-Parkside police officer is alerted and will be on the way to the call box location. A police dispatcher will answer your call. From almost anywhere on campus, you should be able to see a blue light indicating the location of an emergency call box.



SAFEWALK PROGRAM

- *Are you concerned for your safety?*
- *Are you studying or working at the university during the evening hours?*
- *Are you walking to the parking lot or the residence halls in the dark?*

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for the university community. During the evening hours, any time a faculty or staff member, student, or guest feels unsafe walking outside at the university they can request a safe walk.

The Safewalk program is available by calling the UW-Parkside Police at ext. 2455 from a campus phone or 262-595-2455 from other phones. Or stop by the Safewalk table outside of the Library located in Wyllie Hall.

The Safewalk table is staffed Monday through Thursday during the Fall and Spring semesters from 6:00 p.m. till 11:30 p.m. (later during finals week). The program is not available on holidays, Fridays, or Saturdays. If an escort is needed before or after hours, contact the UW-Parkside Police and an officer will assist you.

UW-Parkside police will ask for the following information:

- Your name.
- Your location.
- Identifying information, such as clothing you are wearing, or the description of your vehicle.

A community service officer or police officer will arrange to meet with you and escort you to a safe location. Community service officers are employed by the UW-Parkside Police and have undergone a criminal background check.

NIGHTTIME SAFETY TIPS

- Walk in well-lit, well-traveled areas. Walk with a purpose, quickly and confidently.
- Walk with a friend and be aware of your surroundings.
- Pay attention to cars or pedestrians in the area. If you think you are being followed, and you have a cell phone, immediately dial 262-595-2911. Or if a blue emergency call box is nearby press the red button for assistance. Be familiar with the location of the emergency call boxes!
- Avoid areas containing a large amount of shrubs, bushes, or trees.
- Carry a cell phone with you but be aware, talking on phones while walking is a distraction from possible danger.
- Report: All emergencies should be reported directly to the UW-Parkside Police at ext. 2911 from a campus phone or 262-595-2911 from other phones. Emergency call boxes are located throughout campus and will dial directly to the UW-Parkside Police. Report suspicious activity immediately to ext. 2455 from a campus phone or 262-595-2455 from other phones.
- Report: Any crime, whether you are a victim or a witness, to 911 or 262-595-2911. You may also use the UW-Parkside Police website to report a crime, www.uwp.edu Keyword: Police. Dialing 911 directly will connect you to Kenosha Joint Services Dispatch.



PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Some of these simple suggestions may keep your property safe:

- Theft is mainly a crime of opportunity.
- **Don't leave your valuables unattended!** Keep your property with you, or in a secure location.
- Report lost or stolen residence keys **immediately** to your RA.
- Never lend your keys to anyone.
- Keep your doors locked at all times.
- Don't leave wallets, purses, watches, money, computers, iPods, cell phones, textbooks, or other items of value unsecured.
- When you go to the bathroom, take your keys with you and keep them in sight.
- Keep a record of serial numbers and brand names of your valuable possessions for future reference. Engrave a mark or code in an inconspicuous spot. Stolen property cannot be lawfully reclaimed unless it can be positively identified.
- **Operation ID:** UW-Parkside Police will provide an engraver free of charge to engrave personal items. The engraver may be obtained in exchange for your RangerCard at the UW-Parkside Police Department in Tallent Hall, Room 188.
- Keep your bikes locked up and make sure they are properly secured to the bike rack.

If you are a victim of theft, immediately contact the UW-Parkside Police at ext. 2455 from a campus phone or 262-595-2455 from other phones.

MAKE SMART CHOICES

The majority of safety-related incidents occur when students are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. You're more likely to take unwise risks when your inhibitions are lowered and your judgement is impaired, *think about your choices!*

- Many victims and perpetrators of sexual assault are under the influence when an incident occurs. Make smart choices and don't let alcohol or drugs compromise your safety.
- Abusing prescription drugs, or giving them to others can lead to an unintentional overdose or even death. They can be especially dangerous when mixed with alcohol.
- Stay away from "club drugs" such as ecstasy, GHB, special K, LSD, and meth. These drugs may be mixed with chemicals that could kill you.
- 40% of residential fire victims are alcohol impaired at the time of their death. Remember that smoking and any open flames are illegal in all UW-Parkside residence halls with fines ranging from \$200 to \$400.
- Impaired driving leads to costly fines, embarrassment, and sometimes death. **Do not operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant!** Never get into a vehicle when you know the operator has been drinking.



REPORTING AN INCIDENT!

- **When reporting an incident think like a reporter:** Focus on Who, What, Where, Why, When, and How.
- **When describing an incident:** Keep things in chronological order. Share your location to give a better feel for your vantage point, and share the last known location of the person or object.
- **When describing a person:** Notice permanent features - hair color, height, facial structure, build, etc. Share special characteristics such as jewelry, tattoos, and physical injuries.
- **When describing an object:** Note the size, shape, and color. Write down any identifying characteristics such as license plate numbers, vehicle damage, and even certain smells or sounds, etc.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual Harassment is when someone makes you think you'll get in trouble, fail a class, lose your job, or be discriminated against in employment, education or housing, if you do not give in to their sexual advance, or put up with their sexual remarks.

Who are the victims?

- Most sexual harassment victims are women harassed by men.
- Men can be sexually harassed by women.
- Women can be sexually harassed by women.
- Men can be sexually harassed by men.

What can I do?

- Be sure that the harasser knows that the advances are unwelcome. If you are uncomfortable talking to the harasser, find someone who can do it for you.
 - If the harassment continues, do not keep it to yourself. Put your objections in writing and ask for a written reply.
 - If these initial efforts to stop harassment fail, or if you have questions, contact the Dean of Students or Human Resources.
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SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault is any “unwanted sexual touch.” Sexual assault is an act of violence that uses sex as a weapon, and it is a crime.

The state of Wisconsin has four degrees of sexual assault, this affords victims better protection under the law. The degrees are based upon the amount of force used by the assailant and the harm done to the victim.

- Don't be alone with someone you just met.
- Keep a level head and remember that alcohol or other drugs compromise your safety.
- No means NO! If necessary, yell and scream as loud as you can.
- Trust your instincts, and keep an eye on your friends. Stay focused and don't worry about getting yourself or a friend in trouble. Safety is your number one priority.

What to do if you have been sexually assaulted.

- Get to a safe place.
- Contact someone who can help you and UW-Parkside Police at ext. 2911 from a campus phone or 262-595-2911 from other phones.
- Do Not shower, bathe, drink, eat, or change clothing.
- Get medical attention.
- Write down everything you can remember about the perpetrator and what happened.

You are not to blame even if:

- Your attacker was an acquaintance.
 - You were drinking or using drugs.
 - You froze or did not say “no”.
 - You were wearing revealing clothes.
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DATE RAPE & DATE RAPE DRUGS

Both female and male college students are victims of rape or attempted rape. Most victims know their attackers. Date rape drugs are odorless and tasteless so it is easy for someone to slip it into your drink.

- Never leave your drink unattended.
- Never accept a drink from a stranger.
- Never drink from common sources such as punch bowls.

If you think someone has put something in your drink, get to a populated area or go to a friend for help immediately. Remember that you only have minutes to react before the drug will be in full effect. Call 911 or contact the UW-Parkside Police at ext. 2911 from a campus phone or 262-595-2911 from other phones.

IF YOU ARE ASSAULTED HELP IS AVAILABLE

In addition to the rights afforded to crime victims in the state of Wisconsin, as a member of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside community, you may be entitled to services provided by the university including:

- Have an advocate present when you report the crime.
- Counseling services.
- You will be notified of options available for changing academic or living arrangements.
- The right to be notified of any disciplinary proceedings as a result of a crime committed against you.

If you see suspicious people or activities, please contact UW-Parkside Police at ext. 2455 from a campus phone or 262-595-2455 from other phones.

TYPES OF THREATS ON CAMPUS

Campus threats come in many shapes and forms, from an active shooter on campus to severe weather. Everyone should think about “what if” scenarios and be prepared, because nobody can predict a crisis.

- Listen carefully to staff and UW-Parkside Police as they are trained to lead you to safety.
 - Follow evacuation procedures quickly and completely.
 - Know where the emergency exits are located.
 - If a fire alarm occurs, leave the building immediately! Don't think it is a false alarm.
 - Help the people around you if possible, and lead them to safety.
 - Stay calm and work with the trained staff.
 - Don't ever tamper with fire alarms as a “joke” or make threats as a “joke.” If you do, your actions may cause panic, waste resources, and may result in an arrest.
 - If you see something out of the ordinary or something just doesn't seem right, contact UW-Parkside Police at ext. 2455 from a campus phone or 262-595-2455 from other phones.
 - Program 1-262-595-2911 into your cell phone. This is the emergency phone number for UW-Parkside Police.
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CAMPUS BUILDING SECURITY INCIDENTS

Best practices established by law enforcement experts

ACT — FIND COVER — DISTANCE YOURSELF — ESCAPE

Building Exit Possible

If you are in a building with an active shooter and it is possible to do so safely, exit the building immediately when you become aware of the incident. Move away from the immediate path of danger, and take the following steps:

- 1) Notify anyone you encounter to exit the building immediately.
- 2) Evacuate to a safe area away from the danger and take protective cover. Stay there until assistance arrives.
- 3) Call 2911 from a campus phone or 262-595-2911 from other phones to reach the UW-Parkside Police and provide the dispatcher with the following information:
 - Your name
 - Location of the incident
 - Number of shooters
 - Description of the shooter
 - Number of persons who are involved
 - Known injuries to anyone
 - Advise of number and type of weapons
- 4) Individuals not in the immediate area of danger should take protective cover, staying away from doors and windows until notified otherwise.

Building Exit Not Possible

If you are in a building with an active shooter and exiting the building is not possible, the following actions are recommended:

- 1) Go to the nearest room or office.
- 2) Close the door and lock or barricade it with a desk or other heavy object.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Seek protective cover.
- 5) Keep quiet and act as if no one is in the room.
- 6) Do not answer the door.
- 7) Call 2911 from a campus phone or 262-595-2911 from other phones to reach the UW-Parkside Police if it is safe to do so. Provide the dispatcher with the following information:
 - Your name
 - Your location
 - Number of shooters
 - Number of persons who may be involved
 - Known injuries to anyone
 - Advise of number and type of weapons
- 8) Wait for police to assist you out of the building.

UW-Parkside Police are trained to respond to an emergency incident of this nature.

CYBER/TECH THREATS

An increasing number of tech-based threats are present on college campuses. Cyberspace does not offer the perceived anonymity that you think. Take precautions and keep your personal information safe, as well as your reputation.

- Keep your electronic devices with you. Today devices are very portable, and it is easy for someone to steal them.
- Safeguard your social security number and don't let it fall into the wrong hands. You are on a college campus and may be asked to recite your social security number. Instead, get a piece of paper and write it down, then hand it to the requestor.
- If you think you are a victim of identity theft, contact UW-Parkside Police.
- If you use social media websites, remember that most of your postings are in the public domain. Details you post now can come back to haunt you. Safeguard your passwords so your private information doesn't become compromised.
- Do not engage in illegal file sharing. It puts you and our university in a compromising position. It can also lead to arrest.
- Be careful about meeting friends online, sometimes they are not your friends, rather criminals fishing for your private information.
- If someone is sending you threatening or inappropriate emails, texting inappropriate comments, or you feel you are being "cyber stalked" contact the UW-Parkside Police.



FINAL TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE

Ranger alerts will send a text message to your cell phone in the event of severe weather, tornado, or other emergencies where it may be necessary to take shelter.

Student numbers are automatically loaded into the Ranger Alert system (make sure your cell number is correct).

Staff and faculty must sign up to get the messages.

RangerAlert website can be found at:

<http://uwp.edu/live/offices/universitypolice/rangeralert.cfm>

UW-Parkside maintains crime statistics online at the following website: www.uwp.edu/police



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

UW-Parkside Police

Emergency

ext. 2911 from a campus phone or 262-595-2911 from other phones.

Non-Emergency

ext. 2455 from a campus phone or 262-595-2455 from other phones.

Dean of Students/Office of Student Services

262-595-2598

Student Health and Counseling Center

ext. 2366 from a campus phone or 262-595-2366 from other phones.

Aurora Medical Center

262-948-5600

Women's and Children's Horizons

262-652-9900 or 1-800-853-3503

Kenosha County Victim Witness

262-653-2400

Kenosha Adult Crisis

262-657-7188

Racine Adult Crisis

262-652-0751

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